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Kensington's Nic Esposito talks The Head & the Hand at his Fishtown studio. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Two million expected when Pope visits Philly

Development. After months of rumors, the Vatican finally confirmed that Pope Francis will visit Philadelphia in 2015 for the World Meeting of Families. He will hold a Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway — where Pope John Paul II did so in 1979 — during his September visit. Two million people are expected to be in the city for the event. PAGE 02

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Pope Francis confirms fall 2015 visit to Philly

Parkway. The five-day World Meeting of Families 2015 will conclude with a papal Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Pope Francis confirmed Monday that he will participate in the World Meeting of Families celebration in September 2015. This will be his first visit to the U.S. as the head of the Catholic Church. He will be only the fourth pope to ever visit the U.S.

While formal plans for the visit won't be revealed until next spring or summer, said Donna Crilley Farrell, executive director for the World Meeting of Families 2015 fundraising group, Pope Francis is scheduled to cap off the last two days of the five-day event.

He will attend the Festival of Families on Saturday, Sept. 26, in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The stage will be transformed into an altar overnight and he will celebrate papal mass the next day on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Farrell said Monday that roughly two million people are expected to cram into Center City for the Sunday mass.

Mayor Michael Nutter said an extensive security force, which includes agencies from Europe, the Catholic Church, federally and locally.

"This will be a massive undertaking," Nutter said. "Not just because of the volume of people. ... but because of the participants."

Details

The event, which the Catholic Church claims is the largest gathering of Catholic families at one time in the world, will be the first held in the U.S. The meeting is held every three years.

- John Paul II was the last pope to visit Philadelphia. He held mass on the Parkway in 1979.
- The event has a budget of $45 million.

Quoted

"Regardless of confessional differences, billions around the world have been drawn to this pope. Our gathering in Philadelphia is open to all who have a generous heart."

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Head & the Hand's latest explores 'Homestead'

Nic Esposito, who runs The Head & The Hand Press, is at his company's under-renovation headquarters in Fishtown. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Shortly after Nic Esposito moved to Kensington to live with his girlfriend (now wife), the neglected and decaying Thomas Buck Hosiery factory burned to the ground in the tragic April 2012 blaze that claimed two firefighters' lives.

Esposito, 30, recalls that the fire was one of many wild experiences in the new neighborhood that made him almost despair and wonder, "Why did I come here?"

But Esposito did stay, and went on to open up offices for the craft publishing company he founded in 2011, The Head & the Hand Press, in nearby Fishtown.

While the print book business is suffering in the age of Amazon and ebooks, The Head & the Hand is publishing work mostly by local authors. "We are definitely growing," Esposito said. "When we first started up we came out swinging, and we're still putting out books at a pretty good clip."

But the company is growing beyond just publishing. They offer working space in their offices, hold regular workshops and readings and plan to expand further.

The latest publication from Head & the Hand is a book of essays by Esposito, "Kensington Homestead," to be released on Wednesday.

The book details Esposito's life over the years as he settled in Kensington and began working at the Emerald Street Urban Farm, which his wife Elisa started in 2008. "Every one is one of those moments like, 'Oh, remember that time this happened?'"

SAM NEWHOUSE

Kensington Homestead

A release party for "Kensington Homestead," the latest book from The Head & the Hand Press, will be held 8 p.m., Nov. 19 at Johnny Brenda's, 1201 Frankford Ave.

- The essays chronicle Esposito's experiences settling down in Kensington.

Visit **Metro.us** for more with Nic about Head & the Hand.

Northeast

Three correctional officers stabbed

An inmate at a Northeast Philadelphia prison stabbed two correctional officers and a Philadelphia Prisons sergeant Monday afternoon, reports said.

According to NBC10, the three officers responded to a fight between two officers inside the Philadelphia Industrial Correctional Center on the 8300 block of State Road in Holmesburg.

When the officers arrived, the inmate brandished a homemade weapon and then stabbed one officer in the eye, another in the head and the third in the hand.

The officers and an inmate were taken to Aria Health Torresdale Campus for treatment, the news outlet reported. All are expected to survive.

The prison was on lockdown as authorities investigated the incident.

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On Nov. 10, four inmates were injured after a fight with makeshift weapons.

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In addition to Toys for Tots, your toy donations go to local families who are receiving help from Institute for the Development of African-American Youth. METRO

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Giving back this holiday season

City Council President Darrell Clarke and Councilman At-Large Bill Greenlee handed out free Thanksgiving turkeys to seniors at the Athletic Recreation Center in North Philadelphia on Monday, in partnership with Walmart, which provided the turkeys. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Manayunk. Teen vandal turns self in for damage to center

A boy, 15, caught on surveillance tape causing nearly $30,000 in damage to the brand-new Venice Island Performing Arts and Recreation Center in Manayunk turned himself in to face criminal mischief charges, police said Monday.

"I'm glad that somebody turned themselves in because at least it shows me that they have some understanding of what their actions were," said Jane Lipton, executive director of the Manayunk Development Corporation, a group that supported the center's construction. "I would love to hear what was in his head when he was doing that."

Surveillance footage of the crime shows the teenager breaking LED accent lights and pulling out rope lighting from handrails around 2 a.m. on Nov. 8.

"As a community, we were really shocked that any person from this neighborhood, regardless of age, would damage this brand-new facility, which is going to offer so much to people of every age" Lipton said. "We worked for 10 years to get this, and less than a month after the ribbon-cutting, they did this."

SAM NEWHOUSE

State of the art

The Venice Island Performing Arts & Recreation Center opened Oct. 7

- It cost $46 million. The center was built by the Water Department over storm water management tanks and is maintained by the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Getting schooled

Donation will support anti-gay violence measures

AT&T recently contributed $10K to support the Mazzoni Center's Ally Safe Schools Program, an outreach program that has provided LGBT youth training for more than 17 years.

The group works directly with Gay/Straight Alliances to help prevent bullying and anti-gay violence in schools throughout the region.

The latest funds will be used to enhance education, programming and leadership opportunities for at-risk youth. METRO

Quoted

"Success in school is the foundation for career success. It begins with a safe and comfortable environment for learning."

Joseph Divis, AT&T executive director for external affairs

Gayborhood

The Westbury will close

The Westbury said on Monday they will not be reopening after an Oct. 21 fire at the attached Parker Spruce Hotel at 13th and Spruce streets. Reports say the building had L&I violations, none of which were the Westbury's fault.

An announcement on Facebook read: "The Westbury has given our all to serve the community with a friendly oasis from the rigors of life. I hope we will be remembered fondly." METRO

Giovanni's will hold two photographers' signings

A customer shops for books at Giovanni's Room bookstore in the Gayborhood on Monday. On Tuesday, Dec. 9, photographers Rachelle Lee Smith and B. Proud will be visiting Giovanni's for a reading, discussion and signing. Smith's ongoing photographic essay, "Speaking OUT: Queer Youth in Focus," was published this year. B. Proud recently published "First Comes Love: Portraits of Enduring LGBTQ Relationships." / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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PEOPLE CAN STILL BE FIRED FOR BEING GAY IN PA

Out front

NATALIE HOPE MCDONALD

Natalie Hope McDonald is a writer and editor in Philadelphia. Once a month, she will provide her LGBT perspective on culture and politics in a column. She can be reached online at www.nataliehopemcdonald.com and on Twitter at @NatalieMcD.

Philadelphia may be considered "perfect" when it comes to LGBT friendliness, at least according to the new HRC Municipality Index (for the second consecutive year the city is being honored with the highest score for its laws, services and civic leadership), but what a lot of people may not know is that a person living in Philadelphia can still be fired for being gay, lesbian or transgender and there's nothing anyone can do about it.

While Philly is definitely ahead of the curve when it comes to LGBT discrimination protection — thanks in part to a bill that covers things like trans health care coverage for city employees — the honchos in Harrisburg still make it easy for an employer to terminate an LGBT employee with no legal recourse.

So, no matter how many gay-friendly ordinances earnestly pass, they will never trump the state laws that ignore the fact that LGBT equality is actually quite good for business.

Companies that provide protection also notoriously want to hang their hats in cities with complementary ideologies. No protection could mean a big economic loss.

And yet for more than a decade, legislation that would protect against job discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity has been stalled in the general assembly.

And while several progressive municipalities have enacted ordinances protecting against employment discrimination, until the state does its job, gay, lesbian and trans people still risk losing theirs.

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XL pipeline backers losing support

Supporters of the Keystone XL pipeline in the U.S. Senate on Monday scrambled to gather votes to pass a bill that authorizes the project to help send Canadian oil to the U.S. Gulf, a task made harder after President Barack Obama criticized the plan.

With her chamber stuck at 59 votes in favor, Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.) worked hard to gather one last vote needed to pass a bill that the House of Representatives easily approved on Friday. The Senate may vote today on TransCanada Corp's project that would transport more than 800,000 barrels per day of oil.

Opponents say it would spike climate change emissions and the oil could be sold abroad. Supporters say it would create thousands of jobs. REUTERS

Obama urged to act on immigration

Showdown. Democrats urge president to use executive powers to change immigration policy.

Harry Reid / GETTY IMAGES

Senate Democratic leaders on Monday urged President Barack Obama to use his executive powers to make changes to the country's immigration system and outlined major revisions they would like to see included.

Obama has warned Republicans in Congress for months that if they continue to block comprehensive immigration legislation, he would act unilaterally.

An announcement could be imminent, as Obama has promised to make the move before year's end. Republican leaders have vowed to undo or weaken any actions Obama takes.

The Senate in June 2013 passed a sweeping, bipartisan immigration bill, but the House of Representatives has refused to consider it.

Undocumented

600K

The Democrats said they hoped Obama would include parents of the 600,000 or so people who have been approved under the 2-year-old program, if they have not committed serious crimes.

"Because House Republicans have not acted, we fully support your decision to use your well-established executive authority to improve as much of the immigration system as you can," wrote Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and five other Democratic senators in a letter to Obama.

The senators urged Obama to expand a program he created in 2012 deferring deportations of undocumented residents who were brought to the United States illegally by their parents or other relatives as children.

Other actions Reid, Sens. Dick Durbin, Charles Schumer, Patty Murray, Robert Menendez and Michael Bennet called for included revisions of civil immigration enforcement priorities and changing the "Secure Communities" law program to aim it at those who are convicted of serious offenses. REUTERS

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Protest

Czechs mark revolution with red cards

Hundreds of protesters prevented President Milos Zeman from speaking by whistling and shouting as he unveiled a memorial at the site where the "Velvet Revolution" began in November 1989.

Quoted

"This date is crucial in my life. I was 15 then, and thanks to gaining freedom at such a young age I grew up as a free man. ... I can tell my president today that I disagree with him."

Martin Prikryl, protest organizer said on state television.

Anniversary

25

Thousands of Czechs marched through Prague on Monday to mark the 25th anniversary of the fall of communism, waving soccer-style red penalty cards as a warning to a president they see as drifting too close to Moscow. They cheered the presidents of Germany, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia at the same ceremony, although Germany's President Joachim Gauck was hit by part of an egg thrown at Zeman. Gauck's office said the president was unhurt. **REUTERS**

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Affirmative action. Harvard, UNC sued over race-based admissions

Harvard University's 2014 commencement was May 29. / GETTY IMAGES

Administrators of Harvard University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have been sued by an advocacy group claiming race-based admissions policies violate the constitutional rights of highly qualified Asian applicants.

Students for Fair Admissions Inc., a group that said it represents unidentified college applicants rejected by both schools, alleged in lawsuits filed Monday that the use of racial preferences illegally limited admission of Asian-Americans.

Such applicants "understand that they are not competing" against "the entire applicant pool," the group said in its filing against Harvard in Boston federal court.

UNC admissions policies aimed at achieving diversity have also harmed Asian-American applicants, the group alleged in a separate suit in Greensboro federal court.

The group claimed use of race in admissions allows universities including Harvard and UNC to show preferences for particular groups, failing to meet standards set under a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year requiring schools "implement race-neutral means to achieve student body and diversity before turning to racial classifications and preferences."

UNC spokesman Rick White said in a statement the university "stands by its current undergraduate admissions policy and process."

The suit against Harvard accused it of using quotas. A Harvard spokesman defended his school's practices. BLOOMBERG

Quoted

"They are competing only against each other, and all other racial and ethnic groups are insulated from competing against high-achieving Asian-Americans."

Students for Fair Admissions Inc.

Leave of absence

NYC first lady's embattled aide takes a break

The chief of staff to New York City's first lady Chirlane McCray is stepping down from her $170,000-a-year post to spend more time with her 17-year old son, who was arrested last week for trespassing.

Rachel Noerdlinger has been under scrutiny for months over her relationship with Hassaun McFarlan, who was convicted of manslaughter and drug trafficking.

"I can handle criticism and scrutiny of me, even when it's mean-spirited – that comes with the territory when you take on the status quo. But increasingly, my son has been subjected to attacks that have nothing to do with the public interest, and everything to do with derailing this administration," Noerdlinger said

Mayor Bill de Blasio said there's "something wrong" with making one's boyfriend and child "fair game in the public discourse."

"It's going to be very hard to get good people into public service if we continue on this path," he said. WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE

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Ferguson shooting

Governor declares state of emergency ahead of ruling

Missouri's governor declared a state of emergency on Monday and authorized the National Guard to support police if violence erupts after a grand jury decides whether to indict a white police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black teenager.

Demonstrator / GETTY IMAGES

"As part of our ongoing efforts to plan and be prepared for any contingency, it is necessary to have these resources in place in advance of any announcement of the grand jury's decision," Governor Jay Nixon said in a statement.

The order also puts the St. Louis County Police Department, rather than police in Ferguson, Missouri, in charge of policing protests.

The past two days have seen protests around the area in anticipation of the grand jury's report. REUTERS

Connections. Facebook plans workplace networking system

Facebook's workplace tool doesn't currently allow communication with people at other companies, the person familiar said. / GETTY IMAGES

Facebook Inc. is testing a version of its social network that will let people communicate and collaborate at work, a person familiar with the matter said, taking on tools from Microsoft Corp. and Salesforce.com Inc.

The product, which is in trials at Facebook and several other companies, will probably debut publicly in a few months, said the person, who asked not to be named because the information is private. Facebook at Work lets people communicate with their co-workers using the social network's traditional tools, such as messaging and news feed, without mixing the professional posts with personal ones.

Quoted

"To fully compete in the enterprise requires deep and complex capabilities that aren't required in a consumer offering."

Koplowitz

Facebook isn't currently charging for the product, which displays no advertising. Rob Koplowitz, an analyst at Forrester Research, said Facebook at Work poses the biggest threat to corporate social-media tools such as Microsoft's Yammer, International Business Machines Corp.'s Connections product and Salesforce.com's Chatter. All of those services help people collaborate on projects and share documents.

"Facebook certainly has a familiar user experience that people love, and could blur the lines between employees and customers in a very compelling way," Koplowitz wrote in a note. He does see some risks for the social network. BLOOMBERG

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How to have a great Thanksgiving on campus

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Tips. Flying solo over the holiday break doesn't need to be a downer.

For many college students, Thanksgiving is a much-needed break to head home to the comfort of family and homemade cooking. But if you'll be staying on campus over the break, not to worry! You can still have a fun Thanksgiving in the dorms.

The first thing that comes to mind when you think of Thanksgiving is food, naturally. It's hard to prepare a turkey with all the fixings when all you've ever attempted is microwavable dishes, so here are a few simpler recipes you'll be happy to gobble down.

Explore the city

Be a tourist

Seize the opportunity to see the off-campus world. The City of Brotherly Love is filled with historical sites. Why not take an hour or two to enjoy them?

Downsize

Instead of attempting to shove a whole turkey into your common-room oven, cut your turkey cutlets for your main course. Just sprinkle some garlic powder or pepper onto your cutlets, and set the slices in a frying pan.
Cook for about 10 minutes until the inside of the cutlet turns white. Then, voila! Your main course is all set.

It's possible to have a fun (yet unconventional) Thanksgiving in a dorm. / PHOTODISC

Mix and mash

Potatoes make a simple yet tasty side dish. Peel and cut up the potatoes and put them in a pot of water. Bring the water to a boil and drain. Then it's time to mash, which not only will make this dish melt-in-your-mouth smooth, but it is a great way to de-stress during your mini-break. Then just add some butter — the more the better.

Have some fun

Food is fantastic, but it tends to disappear faster than one would like. So it can't be the only thing you have on your to-do list.

1 What to watch Get yourself into the seasonal spirit with "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," "Home for the Holidays" and, if you're feeling a little mopey, "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving." You might find yourself thankful to have some peace and quiet far away from your family.

2 Where to go After not leaving your futon or bed during this movie marathon, it's the perfect time to sign up for a 5K run. Most areas have some version of a "Turkey Trot." As it will get you moving and interacting with other people while burning off some of the calories you've consumed, it's a win-win.

3 Remember to give back Given the story behind Thanksgiving, this week is also a wonderful opportunity to volunteer in the community. Check in with your campus community service office to see if your school is participating in a food drive or help out at a local soup kitchen for the day.

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Black Friday: Best Buy vs. Target vs. Wal-Mart

Don't let the long, mild autumn fool you — Christmas is only six weeks away. Serious shoppers are already gearing up for Black Friday, the biggest shopping day of the year, and big-box stores are teasing their deals early. After all, preparation is key. We compare and contrast what three of the most popular are offering. **EMILY LAURENCE**

Know what deals are offered ahead of time before you head out into the fray. / GETTY IMAGES

Best Buy

As usual, Best Buy is luring in shoppers with discounts on big electronics, like TVs and tablets. They released their Black Friday catalog last week, and one of the biggest deals this year is a 50-inch Panasonic LED HDTV for $200. They will also be selling the Samsung Galaxy 5 phone for just $1, saving shoppers almost $200. iPad Air tablets will be $100 off, with prices starting at $400, while those interested in buying the Dell touchscreen laptop can save $100, scoring the item for $300. Almost all of these big discounts are only available in stores and are not offered online. Doors open at 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Target

Giving Best Buy some competition, Target is also offering steep deals on electronics. Online and in-store shoppers can score Beats headphones for $97, a 40-inch LED TV for $119 and a 29-inch LED TV for $79. But besides electronics, Target is also giving big discounts on toys and video games. With the new "Assassin's Creed" game recently hitting stores, Target is selling a bundle including "Assassin's Creed Black," "Assassin's Creed Unity" and a $50 gift card for a total of $330. Legos will be 40 percent off, and many toys in the $50 to $100 range will be up to 50 percent off. Doors open at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Wal-Mart

Last year on Thanksgiving Day, 22 million people headed to Wal-Mart when the doors opened at 6 p.m. This year, the store is opening at the same time and offering big discounts on electronics, toys and more. Vizio's 65-inch smart TV will be on sale for $648, while tablets and phones will be highly discounted as well. In an effort to cut down on people fighting each other, the store is guaranteeing items at their sale price to everyone who makes it in the store by 7 p.m. (if stock runs out, they can order the item and pick it up later) and rolling out new discounts at 8 p.m.

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Important things my mother taught me

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Lesson No. 1: Anything is possible

Even though I grew up in a small town, I was raised to believe that with enough hard work, anything is possible, and that's proved to be 100 percent true. I wish more parents would teach their children this, so kids everywhere would have the same kind of confidence, optimism and ambition that led me to become the multi-millionaire I am today.

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Lesson No. 2: Success takes practice

I was lucky to get started with stock trading in 1999, during the world's greatest stock market bubble, but unlike so many others who lost all their profits, I held onto my millions and grew them, thanks to endless studying and researching. My mother taught me to never be lazy in my career and that dedication pays off. Boy, was she right.

Lesson No. 3: Learn from your mistakes

My mother taught me that every mistake you make is actually a good thing, because you learn what not to do, and those failings help you on your path to success. Too many people I've met are afraid of mistakes and failure, and so much so that they are too paralyzed to try new things for fear of screwing up.

Never be afraid of mistakes or failures; we all make them, as we're all human, but those of us who are successful understand they are just part of the process of achieving our dreams so we don't shy away from them. We embrace them and utilize them as they should be utilized to help us become wiser, more experienced and stronger.

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Europe is coming down harder on Putin and Russia, good! We must not tolerate overly aggressive governments.

Kim Kardashian keeps getting more press by exploiting her body in new ways. It's sickening to see what our society loves to gossip about.

What Sykes likes this week

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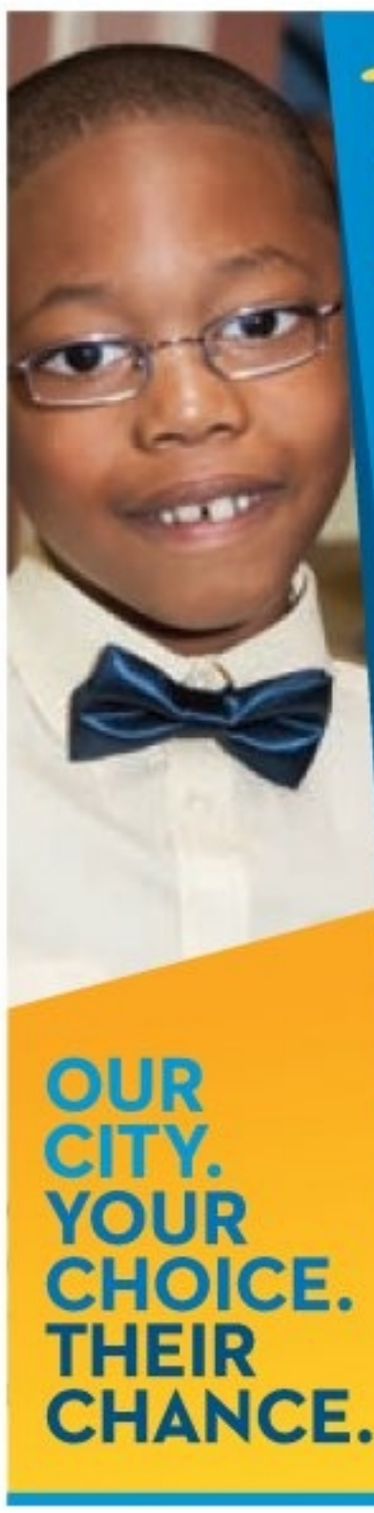

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Today, Carrie Underwood is getting in the holiday spirit, Ben Stiller is simplifying history, Joss Whedon wants some perspective, Hailee Steinfeld has been listening to some George Harrison and Sarah Silverman feels the love.

@carrieunderwood: SNOW!!! Break out the Christmas music & decorations! I wonder if I can get the tree down from the attic by myself. #JustPushItDownTheStairs

@RedHourBen: Mussolini bad. Architecture good.

@josswhedon: Everyone is beautiful when they're slightly far away. All political structures are perfect in theory. Humanity's a jewel if you squint.

@HaileeSteinfeld: I got my mind set on youuuuu

@SarahKSilverman: I wish I could motorboat the whole world

1 Bono's bicycle boo-boo brings 'Tonight Show' bow-out

Footage of Bono during this past weekend's recording of "Do They Know It's Christmas?" shows nothing wrong with his arm; however, a week of live performance is a different animal, especially if the injury was to his proselytizing arm. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

First the falling luggage, now this. Bono is proving he's a danger to himself and others whether in the air or on land. I'm assuming next week he'll fall over the railing of a cruise ship like Pete Campbell's mom on "Mad Men." So: Bono was bicycling in Central Park recently when he took a nasty spill — so nasty that he has to undergo surgery to treat an arm injury. The spill has spurred the band to postpone a planned weeklong residency on "The Tonight Show," the other three U2 members announced on the band's site. "It looks like we will have to do our 'Tonight Show' residency another time — we're one man down," the message reads. "We're sure he'll make a full recovery soon, so we'll be back!" Given Bono's latest penchant for disaster, that sounds kind of threatening.

2 Maria Shriver not a big Miley Cyrus fan

You know who's not totally jazzed about Patrick Schwarzenegger dating Miley Cyrus? His mom, Maria Shriver. In fact, she's "horrified" about it and is "violently" against the pairing. And that's apparently not news to Schwarzenegger, who was photographed kissing Cyrus over the weekend. "They have been hiding it. The kiss was so orchestrated and so planned to be like, 'OK, here you go,'" a source with intimate knowledge of what it was totally like says. "Instead of him being a good influence on her, she might be a bad influence on him," a source says.

Miley and Patrick are pictured here during a game between the California Golden Bears and USC Trojans. It looks clear that Miley is a Trojans fan.

3 Colin Farrell flexes his writing muscles in support of gay marriage

Colin Farrell is making noise for gay rights in his home country of Ireland — and in the process letting everyone know that he has a very attractive gay brother (even if that brother is off the market already). Farrell published a letter in Dublin's Sunday World, pushing for marriage equality in Ireland. And, as it turns out, the "Total Recall" star has a way with words. "My brother Eamon didn't choose to be gay. But he was always proud of who he was. Proud and defiant and, of course, provocative. Even when others were casting him out with fists and ridicule and the laughter of pure loathsome derision, he maintained an integrity and dignity that flew in the face of the cruelty that befell him," he writes. "The fact that my brother had to leave Ireland to have his dream of being married become real is insane."

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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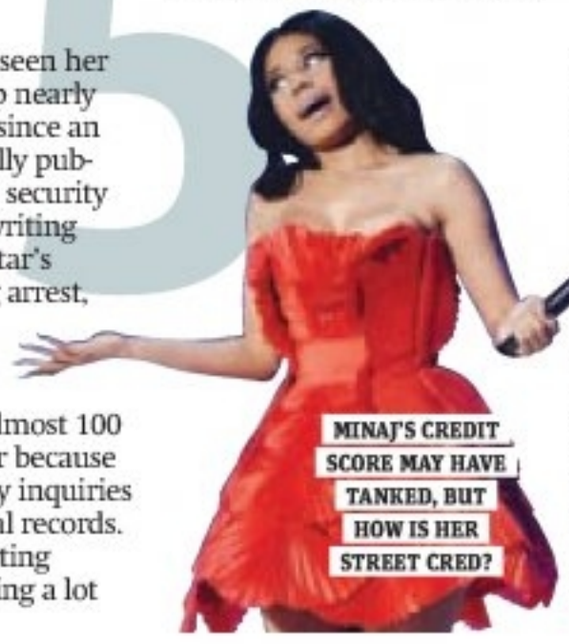
4 You're not sophisticated enough to 'get' the 'Interstellar' sound mix

Christopher Nolan has heard your complaints about the sound mix for "Interstellar," and he doesn't care. It's totally intentional that you can't understand some of the dialogue. Totally. Exactly how he meant it. "There are particular moments in this film where I decided to use dialogue as a sound effect, so sometimes it's mixed slightly underneath the other sound effects or in the other sound effects to emphasize how loud the surrounding noise is," he tells The Hollywood Reporter. "It's not that nobody has ever done these things before, but it's a little unconventional for a Hollywood movie." So, you know, you weren't supposed to hear what they were saying to each other anyway. God, don't you understand art?

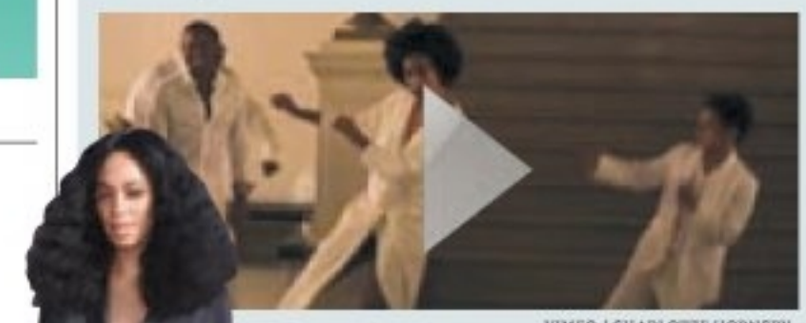
5 Nicki Minaj's credit score takes a dive



Nicki Minaj has seen her credit score drop nearly 100 points ever since an outlet accidentally published her social security number while writing about the R&B star's 2003 shoplifting arrest, according to Radar Online. "Nicki's credit score dropped almost 100 points soon after because there were many inquiries into her financial records. The credit reporting agencies, detecting a lot of irregular activity, immediately notified Nicki's camp," a source says. "Since Nicki's social security number was made public on the booking information sheet, and that was leaked to the media this week, it's out there now. Nicki might have to get a new social security number. It's caused her a lot of stress." Hope she wasn't planning to take out any loans this week.

Daily video

Solange and Julez No Flex Zone



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Though Solange Knowles didn't #breaktheinternet with photos from her surprise wedding in New Orleans over the weekend, the singer did look exquisite in the pics of her donning outfits from Stephane Rolland and Humberto Leon for Kenzo. But then yesterday, this video of her dancing with her 10-year-old son Julez surfaced. The mother and child perform a choreographed routine to Rae Sremmurd's "No Flex Zone." It's a "stars, they're just like us" moment, except most weddings we attend don't involve the bride changing into outfits commissioned by top designers.

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Stylish coffee table books

Coffee table books aren't just meant to inspire; they also showcase one's personality. They're as much a decor item as they are something beautiful to flip through. Recently, a slew of worthwhile fashion and beauty books have been released, just in time for the holidays. Whether you're gift hunting or just want to treat yourself, these six books are worth checking out.

'Refinery 29: Style Stalking'

Women's fashion and lifestyle website Refinery 29's new book is full of cool-girl street style. Not only does it explain how to master trends like tomboy-chic and modern metallics, it teaches readers how to develop their own signature style. The book also includes Q&As with style stars such as newlywed Solange Knowles, Harper's Bazaar executive editor Laura Brown and Bullett editor Idil Tabanca. Gift this to your favorite blogger friend. **$19.99, Urban Outfitters**

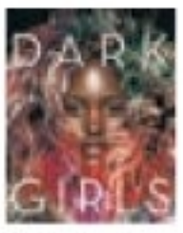
'Vogue & The Metropolitan Museum Of Art Costume Institute: Parties, Exhibitions, People'

This glossy-paged tome gives readers an up-close look at the annual Met Gala and the exhibits that inspired each theme. Included are iconic photographs of celebrities at the gala and also photos of the exhibits themselves, such as 2001's "Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years" and 2011's "Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty." **$35.96, Amazon**

'Miles of MAC'

There is almost no text in this 250-page hardcover, but the photos speak volumes. Models in candy-colored eyeshadows and lipsticks showcase the boundary-pushing aesthetic that has been MAC's signature since its 1987 launch. While the makeup looks in this book may be too bold for you to copy completely, they just may inspire you to be a little bit more fearless when you're getting ready for your next Saturday night out. If you're looking for a gift for a beauty addict, this is it — you know she has enough makeup. **$33.54, Amazon**

'Dark Girls'



What originated as a documentary on Oprah's OWN Network is now reimagined as a beautiful hardback. Stunning photos of more than 75 women including Lupita Nyong'o, Vanessa Williams, Loretta Devine and Judge Mablean Ephriam are included. Their stories about overcoming prejudice are just as powerful as their photos. Together it makes for an emotional read. **$18.99, Barnes & Noble**

'Make Up: Your Life Guide to Beauty, Style, and Success — Online and Off'

YouTube star-turned-entrepreneur Michelle Phan shares all her secrets to success. While there are plenty of beauty tutorials, she also tells readers how to ace a job interview, turn a passion into a career and establish their "brand." Phan is one of the most successful businesswomen right now and she makes it easy to believe you can have it all, too. **$14.55, Barnes & Noble**

'Tory Burch: In Color'

Tory Burch's first book isn't just an exploration of her style aesthetic, but also what inspires her interior design, her favorite places and her personal photos. She explains that her mantra is to "live in color," being stimulated by a kaleidoscope of influences and experiences. It offers a vibrant look into her life and shows others how to live their lives in color as well. **$50, Tory Burch**

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TV watch list

Danny, you're going to regret reading that diary. / JORDIN ALTHAUS, FOX

COMEDY

'The Mindy Project'

Danny has a bit of a Mindy moment when he finds her diary and can't stop himself from reading it. What do you think she writes about in there? **9:30 P.M., FOX**

DRAMA

'Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.'

The team's search for an old secret is complicated by the fact that Hydra is trying to figure it out, too. Ward spends some time having an intense chat with his brother. **9 P.M., ABC**

REALITY

'The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills'

Kyle hosts a white party, which is an event to support LGBT causes, as we learned after Googling it. A few former Housewives will attend, too. **SEASON PREMIERE, 9 P.M., BRAVO**

REALITY

'The Voice'

Prepare yourself to say some goodbyes: Not one, but two aspiring singers will be eliminated tonight. Being eliminated from a reality competition live on TV sounds terrifying. Good luck, kids. **8 P.M., NBC**

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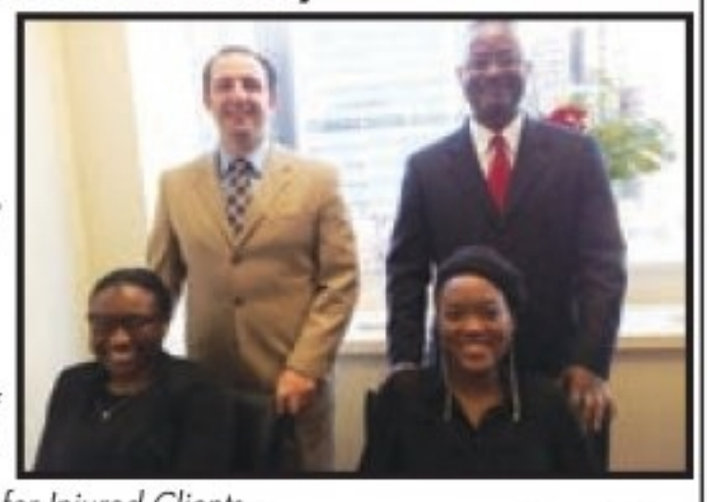

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Scientists congregate to prove whether the once-elusive Higgs boson particle exists in "Particle Fever." / CERN

'Particle Fever'

Netflix Instant

Four in 10 Americans believe in creationism, but at least science is hot at the box office. "Interstellar" is exposing millions to black holes, wormholes and relativity, while "The Theory of Everything" gives Stephen Hawking his Great Man biopic. Neither, though, is as fun as the documentary "Particle Fever," which boasts real, hard science. Its cameras were there when the world's scientists congregated to fire up the massive Large Hadron Collider, which would verify the existence of the elusive Higgs boson particle — the last major, central theorized particle to be verified, one often called "the God particle" (enraging physicists).

But perhaps just as useful as its first-hand account of a scientific breakthrough is its portrayal of scientists as goofy nerds — not the hubristic sociopaths of movies, but simply the most excitable people you've seen outside of a kindergarten class dosed with sugar. Their enthusiasm is contagious — and a reminder that science is awesome.

Hulu

'A Brief History of Time'

"The Theory of Everything" seems to be trying to see how little science it can dwell on while still counting as a Hawking movie. However, this 1991 doc on Hawking, by Errol Morris, gets into the nitty-gritty. Morris finds visual ways to communicate mind-blowing concepts about time, the universe and everything. But it's equally a portrait of the stereotypical English stiff-upper-lip mentality. No one, much less Hawking himself, trapped in his unmoving body, gets drippy about the tragedies that have befallen the physicist.

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AH-NULD PLAYS AN EVERYMAN IN "TOTAL RECALL." / PROVIDED

'Total Recall'

After all that real science, relax with dumb pop sci-fi. Paul Verhoeven's vulgar Philip K. Dick riff casts the mega-ripped Arnold Schwarzenegger as an everyman, then proceeds through three-breasted women, a dude who lives in another dude's abdomen and the former Governor of California pulling a superball-sized capsule through his nose.

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Gael Garcia Bernal finds humor in terrible horror

Interview. The star of Jon Stewart's "Rosewater" says laughter is an evolutionary trait.

Gael Garcia Bernal plays journalist Maziar Bahari, detained in a Tehran prison in "Rosewater." / LAITH AL-MAJALI, OPEN ROAD FILMS

Gael Garcia Bernal is the star of the first film directed by Jon Stewart, but the film isn't a comedy. In the docudrama, he plays Maziar Bahari, an Iranian-Canadian journalist who, in 2009, was detained for 118 days in a Tehran prison. But just because it's a serious drama about serious issues doesn't mean it can't be at all funny — or that comedy can't be serious.

This isn't a comedy, but humor plays a key role.
Maziar found the humor in this story in an incredible way. Humor was one of the anchors that saved him. I think that's a quality that maybe all survivors have. Humor is always there, in a way. In the darkest moments there is something that makes you realize that everything is really ridiculous.

Even as things get grim, there's always this feeling that the reason he's being jailed is a joke.
It is like a joke. And it's always a joke. The systematic apprehension and torture of people is done by powers in crisis. Look at the Inquisition. The excuses they used to kill people were ridiculous — and funny, in hindsight.

It's extremely strange that anyone who spent so long in isolation and being tortured, as Bahari was, could find anything to laugh about.
Humor is an evolutionary trait. We as rational beings find incongruences, and they make us laugh. Humor saves, it deconstructs, it asks the complicated questions, and it's dangerous for people who don't believe in humor and the complexity of things. People who see things as one-sided are generally not funny people. And their timing is terrible. If they tell a joke it's really bad. Jon is the complete opposite of that. He's a person who's incredibly funny and incredibly intelligent, and his humor is reflective. He shows the incongruences, and that's what makes us laugh.

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Cold water

In the thick of it

This isn't the first political film you've made about another country. "No" took you to Chile to deal with the defeat of Augusto Pinochet. How do you familiarize yourself with other nations' politics and history?
By getting drunk, actually. By jumping in. It's like jumping into cold water. You think about it then say, "Let's just do it." Once you're there, you're like, "OK, this feels pretty good," or "F—, this is the worst mistake I've made. Fortunately I'll be out of here soon." That's what happens with films, in a way. You get to bond with people. It's a crazy job, but it gives back to you so much.

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Yellowstone: Take a super vacation on a supervolcano

The outdoors. Trek the national park's mountains and canyons — but watch out for the grizzlies.

The Lower Geyser Basin is the largest geyser basin in Yellowstone, spanning about 18 square miles. / DELAWARE NORTH COMPANIES

Yellowstone National Park rests on the largest supervolcano — an active volcano — on the continent and spans approximately 2.2 million acres across Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. So there's plenty of gorgeous, and sometimes gurgling, ground to cover.

That's where Yellowstone Vacations comes in. The bus tour company offers guided group rides for up to 15 passengers. Tours typically last hours but can span several days, offering visitors a look at the park's mountain ranges, waterfalls and canyons.

Visitors can expect to encounter the park's wildlife, including grizzly bears, which may be spotted with cubs in tow meandering along the edge of the road.

Wolves are more elusive, but naturalists say there are as many as 450 of them in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. Bison and elk are more commonly spotted and can be seen grazing the hilly terrain.

The park's geysers and hot springs are sprawled along the park's volcanic caldera, sputtering and popping, gushing and gurgling. None are more famous than Old Faithful, which, regardless of the season, promises tons of tourists in addition to its punctuality.

For accommodations, The Explorer Cabins, owned and run by Delaware North Companies at Yellowstone Park in West Yellowstone, Montana, offer a cozy woodlands experience, complete with kitchenette and communal fire pit. The grounds are just steps from the park's west entrance, though the rural town offers family-friendly activities as well.

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Three tips

1. Try the local huckleberry candy, preserves or barbecue sauce. Pretty much anything huckleberry, we recommend.
2. Don't feed the bears — really. Yellowstone naturalists have a saying, "A fed bear is a dead bear," because fed animals become nuisances and have to be put down.
3. Be aware of the change in altitude, particularly if you're coming from sea level. Yellowstone sits an average 8,000 feet above sea level, and the diminished oxygen in the air can cause lightheadedness.

Deals

When to go

Outdoor enthusiasts looking to enjoy the picturesque beauty and serenity of Yellowstone National Park while avoiding crowds should book now for the park's "shoulder season" in the spring.

Microbrews

Don't miss out on the beer

"Yellowstone was always a destination like a school trip. I don't think you think of it as a vacation destination, but for us, definitely, as winter sports people, there is so much here in the park," says Kate Ashworth, a Washington native, while sipping a selection of Montana beers at the 2014 Beer Fest In West, held each fall in West Yellowstone.

Of all the treasures of the region, its microbrews, which range from smooth golden ales to bock lagers, have often been overlooked.

In breweries per capita, Montana ranks second in the nation.

Darcey Fairchild, whose husband works at Bitter Root Brewing in Hamilton, Montana, says, "It's just a beer drinking state, and it's coupled with the fact that we really like to support local products, whether it's agriculture or food or beer."

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5 Expert tips for traveling with an infant or small child

Parenting hacks. Keep holiday travel stress-free with these tips from a therapist who used to be a pilot.

Prince George looks like he slept through the whole flight. Must be nice, Kate. / GETTY IMAGES

No one wants to be the person with a screaming baby on a plane. Traveling with your kids is stressful enough without having to worry about how to avoid being the most hated person onboard. For tips on how to keep things calm, we called up Captain Tom Bunn, a former commercial airline pilot who is now a therapist helping people of all ages overcome their fear of flying.

Manage your own anxiety

If you're anxious about how the flight is going to go, your baby will pick up on that, according to Bunn. "Brain scanning has shown that as an expectant mother approaches delivery, the brain is flooded with a hormone that causes her to become obsessed with safety," he says. "The hormones go away after delivery, but the patterns can remain." If you recognize that and stay calm, chances are your baby will remain calm, too.

Save feedings for right before landing

Bunn says infants won't have any problems with the takeoff, but landing can hurt their ears, as their eustachian tubes are still developing. "The key here is to make sure the baby is awake during this time, so he or she can move around and maybe wiggle their jaws a little bit," he says. Bunn suggests nursing your infant right before the plane starts its descent, but if that doesn't fit into your feeding schedule, giving him or her a pacifier will help, too.

Show kids what to expect

Children with autism especially can have a hard time with flying because they have trouble not being in control or knowing what's about to happen. Before your trip, Bunn suggests watching "Autism in the Air" videos on YouTube with your child. Developed by PEAT (Parents Education as Autism Therapists), the videos show kids what to expect every step of the way, from their eye level. "They aren't just good for kids with autism," Bunn says. "They're great for any kid who isn't keen on flying."

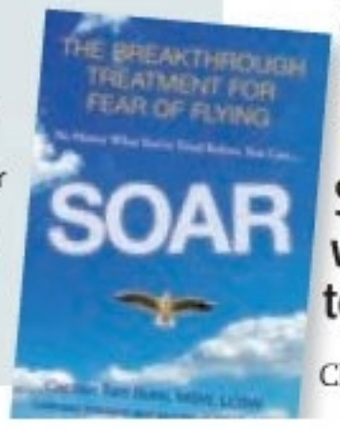
Visit the cockpit

Passengers with children get to board the aircraft early, and Bunn says this is the perfect time to take your kids to meet the pilot and check out the cockpit. "By this time, the pilot is done with the checks, so they are happy to talk with kids. Just ask a flight attendant and he or she will almost always take you and your kids up," Bunn says.

Extra help

For more advice

Visit FearofFlying.com or check out Captain Tom Bunn's book "Soar: The Breakthrough Treatment for Fear of Flying."



Tip

Know when it's an indicator of a bigger problem

Bunn stresses that if an infant or child is scared to get on an airplane for no apparent reason, chances are it is a sign of a bigger problem. "There may be a problem with your child really feeling safe," he says. Children should instinctually trust that their caregivers will keep them safe, so if they don't seem to feel that way, the parent-child relationship needs to be analyzed. Bunn says that it's important to do this when the child is young, as the relationship and patterns will be hard to mend when he or she becomes a teenager.

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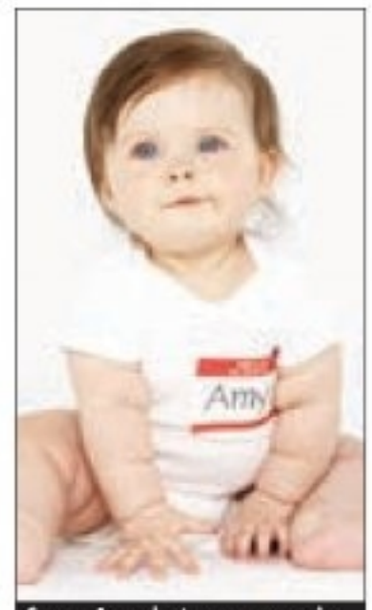
Trending. Naming your baby Bella or Jaden was so last year



Sorry, Amy, but your name is not on the list. / PHOTODISC

Most people gauge what the most popular name is by considering the ones they hear a lot, but the researchers at Nameberry.com have it down to a science. The entire site is dedicated to all things baby names, using mathematical formulas to figure out which ones are the most popular. The site just released the names it predicts will be the most popular next year, and while some aren't all that surprising, others will make you scratch your head.

As with any trend, some are celebrity-inspired, such as Ivy (thanks, Beyonce) and Violet (one of Jennifer Garner's baby name choices). See the most popular girl names in the box to the right, and head online for the top boy picks. **EMILY LAURENCE**

Top 10 girl names

1. Violet
2. Stella
3. Adeline
4. Lila
5. Juliet
6. Beatrice
7. Elsa
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♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You need a change. A low-cost conservative investment or makeover will bring great benefits. The differences may not be readily visible.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Maintain your point of view if you feel you are right. Take immediate action regarding a decision. Dawdling will interfere with your progress.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You are heading down the fast track to success, and you don't want to make the mistake of underestimating someone.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. An important relationship is in need of attention. Someone feels left out and must be brought back into the loop.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't be pressured into making a snap decision. Leave yourself enough time to weigh the pros and cons before you make a commitment.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You are in the mood to have some laughs. Gather a diverse group of your friends and see how well they get along.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Be honest and don't toy with someone else's feelings. To avoid leading anyone astray, be open about your plans.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Hone your professional skills. Do whatever it takes to stay in the loop regarding advancements in your field. Your qualifications must be updated regularly.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You will never feel fulfilled if you keep trying to please everyone. Do what you love and don't let others stand in your way.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Face the people causing you stress. You will add to your problems if you put on a happy face and pretend everything is all right.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Keep a positive attitude and let your imagination run free. Don't let a negative remark halt your progress. EUGENIA LAST

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

A fair, neutral Net

Re: 'Net neutrality a bad idea' (Metro, Nov. 13) Letter writer Cameron Smith seems to think that Net neutrality has to do with what the consumers pay — and in a roundabout way, it does. Net neutrality is about Internet service providers (Comcast, Verizon, etc.) being able to charge websites for "fast lanes." This would mean that Netflix, YouTube, and Facebook would all get charged an extra premium to maintain their current speeds. The only way that the consumer would be forced to pay more to make "everybody equal" is if Net neutrality wasn't enforced, since the websites would have to make up for the deficit somewhere.
NICK COOKE, VIA EMAIL

Don't dismiss Obamacare

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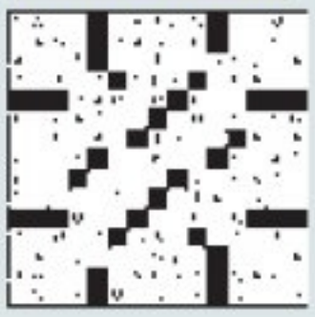

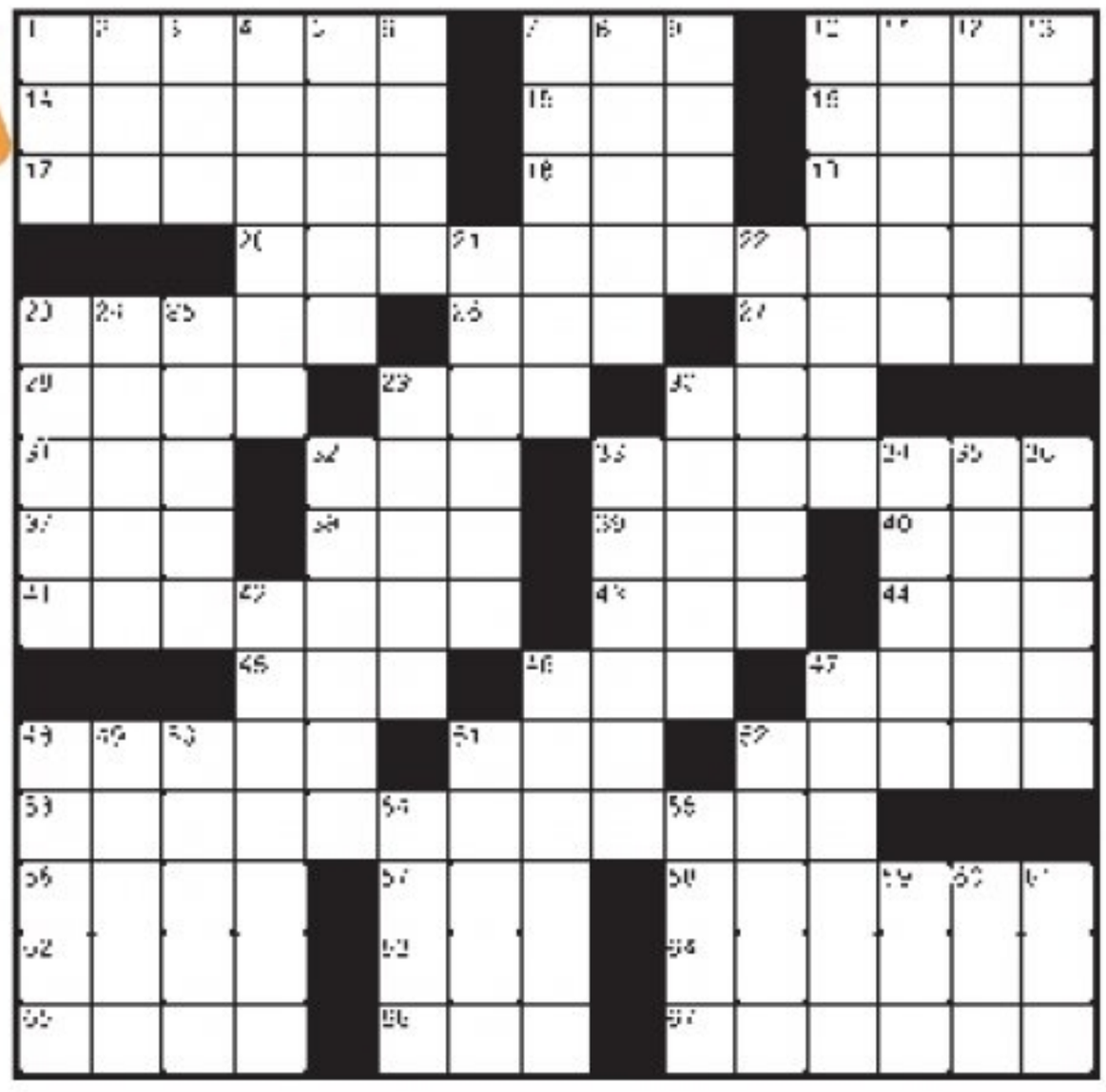

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Eagles are focused on moving on from loss

NFL. The Eagles have a favorable matchup in Week 12 and are putting their Green Bay embarrassment in the past.

The Eagles are fifth in the NFL in yards and fourth in points. / GETTY IMAGES

It's probably human nature to lick your wounds after losing by 33 points to a bitter NFC rival and losing sole possession of first place in the division.

But in the NFL, there is no time for wound-licking, and oftentimes the busy schedule is a good cure for overcoming one bad day.

"I'm not worried if they get it out of their minds; not this group," Chip Kelly said. "I think they understand. We've been around each other long enough. I've got great trust in them in terms of their approach."

With the treacherous stretch of Cowboys, Seahawks and the Cowboys again just over the horizon (in Weeks 13-15) the Eagles host the Titans on Sunday, a good opportunity to get things back on track before the battle for the division begins.

"I just think that's how we're wired," Kelly said. "It's about the next challenge and the next opportunity to go out there. You get a bad taste in your mouth, so the only way to get the bad taste out of your mouth is to go out there and play again."

Not including the Titans contest, four of the Eagles' final five games come against division foes. This means the Eagles can control their own destiny. Their Thanksgiving matchup in Dallas is just four days after the Titans game, so it's a quick turnaround — one that Kelly is not the least bit worried about.

"We know exactly what we're going to do on Sunday," the coach said. "We'll come back in as coaches right after the Tennessee game and get working on the game plan and be here Sunday working."

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The Eagles snapped a league-best streak of consecutive games with a takeaway in their loss to Green Bay.

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NL East moves

Two blockbuster deals took place Monday affecting the power-structure of the NL East. Marlins power-hitting outfielder Giancarlo Stanton finalized a record $325 million, 13-year deal. The Braves moved their outfielder Jason Heyward and reliever Jordan Walden to the Cardinals in exchange for Shelby Miller and prospects.

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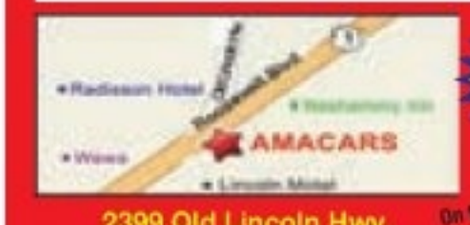

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EAGLES: OVERRATED OR JUST HUMAN?

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The Eagles played a horrible game at Lambeau Field on Sunday, and the first instinct of a diehard fan is to panic. After all, the Packers outscored the Birds, 53-20, outsmarted them, out-muscled them, out-hustled them and did everything but outsource them to a foreign country. It was embarrassing.

However, the nightmarish loss does not require an emotional reaction. Remember, this advice comes from a sports radio talk show host who has always been first to man the lifeboats, to scream from the mountaintops and to run for the hills. I know when to panic. And this is not the time. Not yet, anyway.

The real story of the Eagles' humiliation in Green Bay is Aaron Rodgers, an unstoppable force playing at the absolute peak of his powers on sacred turf before cheese-filled admirers. The Birds got the full Lambeau experience, and they learned some hard lessons along the way.

First, they found out that their secondary is not playoff-worthy — at least not with a lost Bradley Fletcher on one corner and a clueless Nate Allen protecting the middle. Rodgers was caught snickering on the sideline near the end of the debacle. The best guess is, he was reflecting on the laughable exploits of Fletcher and Allen.

Defensive coordinator Billy Davis must have had a plan to stop Rodgers, although that conclusion is pure speculation after the feeble results. To blitz or not to blitz; that was the question. In the end, it didn't matter. The Eagles were powerless to stop the Packers offense, regardless.

Mark Sanchez has thrown for 678 yards in two starts. / GETTY IMAGES

Cataldi's final thought

Either it was proof that they really aren't ready for the kind of Super-Bowl run Philadelphia craves, or they just had a rotten day against a terrific quarterback.

And then there was quarterback Mark Sanchez, known as "The Sanchise" one week and "The Butt-Fumbler" the next. Against the Packers, Sanchez was mistake-prone and awkward — by no means the savior he had appeared one week earlier against Carolina. Which is the real Sanchez? Is there one? On my WIP radio show yesterday, coach Chip Kelly appeared more bewildered than at any time in his season and a half here. Kelly said the Eagles knew they were facing a formidable challenge, with Rodgers and Jordy Nelson and Randall Cobb and even the Lambeau ghosts; he just didn't know that this would be the first time all season when every part of his team's game would break down simultaneously.

The Eagles will return to form against a putrid Tennessee team at Lincoln Financial Field next Sunday. They will have a better game plan, Sanchez will find his touch again, Fletcher and Allen will finally cover somebody.

Of course, if somehow the Eagles lose that game, I have one word of advice: Panic.

Idle thoughts

- With one gesture, Michael Carter-Williams proved how stupid the Sixers' tanking is. Down 45 in Dallas, coach Brett Brown confronted his star player on the sideline for not hustling. MCW responded by pointing to the scoreboard. The only thing the Sixers are teaching their kids right now is how to lose.
- The NHL schedule-maker needs to take a sobriety test. After playing six games in 12 days, the Flyers suddenly had five days off last week to savor their three-game winning streak. Goodbye, momentum. Hello, rust. Columbus was missing eight regulars and had lost nine games in a row. Final score: Columbus 4, Flyers 3.
- Former Phillies ace Curt Schilling stepped out of the shadows of his post-baseball anonymity last week to share his unsolicited views on evolution. Yes, evolution. Well, at least now we're all a lot clearer on the meaning of life.

Final home game a bust for Bagnoli

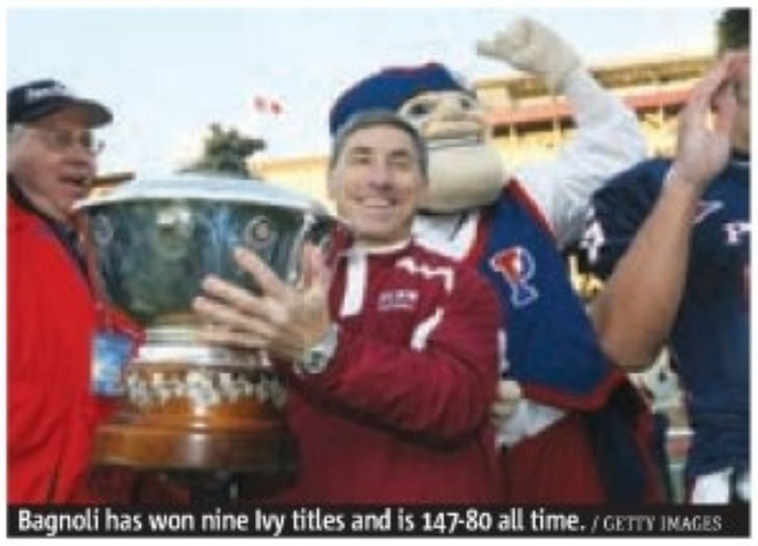
NCAA. Quakers head coach Al Bagnoli is proud of his career after his final appearance on Franklin Field.

Collateral damage. That's one of the reasons Al Bagnoli's 23rd, and final, season at Penn will wind up being so unlike all the rest.

"Very few things have gone according to script," said Bagnoli, whose Quakers saw a lead over Harvard completely unravel last Saturday in a 34-24 loss. "It's really been one of these weird years. We've had collateral damage even before the season started. We had it last off-season and in the summer time with key kids and it just snowballed from there. You never want to use medical issues as an excuse, but we've certainly had more than our share."

Typical of the way this 1-8 season has gone — by far the worst in the Bagnoli era — running backs Brian Schoenauer, Ryan Ripp and Adam Strouss weren't even listed on Penn's pre-season depth charts. Saturday they combined for 17 carries for 60 yards vs. the Crimson.

"Given where we are as a program, we're not quite good enough to overcome some of those things," said the 61-year-old Bagnoli, who was honored pregame and later lauded via video by a group that included Chip Kelly, once an assistant at Columbia. "Whether it's a missed scoring opportunity or a big play, we're just not at the level we need to be. It's caused us to do a lot of shuffling around and led to a lack of consistency and confidence."


Bagnoli has won nine Ivy titles and is 147-80 all time. / GETTY IMAGES

The end result will lead to just the third losing season in Bagnoli's 23 years — and first ever back-to-back. But through what most would consider despair he sees hope when defensive coordinator Ray Priore takes over following Saturday's finale at Cornell.

"Given all the things that have happened, we're definitely going in the right direction," Bagnoli said. "It may not show up in the won-lost record, but you can see all these young kids are taking the next step. It's going to bode really well for next year."

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"Hopefully, we've done our part to try to keep Penn at the forefront of the league and one of the programs people look at with pride." Bagnoli

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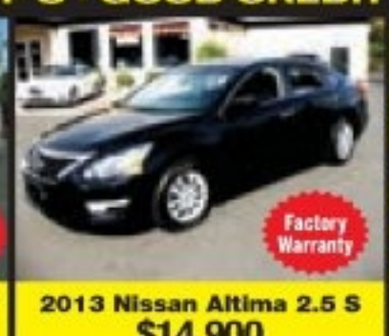
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